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### **Kentucky ABC Conducts ‘Cops In Shops’ Detail** *31 citations are given over weekend*

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (April 1, 2013) – Continuing efforts to restrict youth access to alcohol and keep communities safe, enforcement officials from Kentucky’s Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) conducted a *Cops in Shops* detail at points of sale in Lexington March 28.

The detail resulted in 31 citations:

- Person 18-20 Possess/Attempt to Purchase Alcohol – 9
- Person 18-20 Use False ID to Obtain Alcohol – 7
- Person 18-20 Enter Premises to Purchase Alcohol – 7
- Person 18-20 Remain on Liquor Package Premises – 6
- Criminal Possession Forged Instrument 3<sup>rd</sup> Deg – 1
- Assist Person 18-20 Purchase Alcohol – 1

“The Cops in Shops detail has been a very successful tool in our efforts to curb underage drinking,” said Enforcement Director Mike Razor. “The success of this program depends on cooperation between merchants and investigators. This detail speaks highly not only of that cooperation but of the outstanding efforts of investigators of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement division.”

*Cops in Shops* is a highly successful program that enjoys the full support of convenience and package store owners who check IDs to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. The owners notify the ABC when minors try to buy alcohol from them. Undercover ABC investigators enter the stores and pose as employees or customers. Minors who attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages are cited to district or juvenile court. Adults who attempt to buy alcohol for minors are arrested or cited to criminal court.

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